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SUBJECT: HINDU ARTICLE ON TARAPUR SUPPLY

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1. MADRAS HINDU DELHI CORRESPONDENT G.K. REDDY IN MARCH 13 ARTICLE (APPEARING IN MARCH 14 HINDU) REVIEWS SAME GROUND AS DESCRIBED IN TIMES OF INDIA ARTICLE REPORTED REFTEL. REDDY OBSERVES THAT US POLITICAL SYSTEM PROVIDES FOR PUBLIC DEBATE SUCH AS THAT IN PROCESS ON TARAPUR FUEL. REDDY SAYS IT WOULD BE AWKWARD FOR FOREIGN COUNTRY TO BE DIRECTLY REPRESENTED AT NRC HEARINGS SO BURDEN WILL FALL ON STATE DEPT. "IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER STATE DEPT IS GOING TO DEFEND WITH REQUIRED DEGREE OF ENTHUSIASM AGREEMENT WITH INDIAN WHICH HAD BEEN REVIEWED AFTER 1974 TEST EXPLOSION."

2. AFTER REVIEWING ARGUMENT FOR ADEQUACY OF CONTROLS AT TARAPUR, REDDY SAYS THAT THERE WAS NO BASIS AT ALL FOR HOLDING PUBLIC HEARINGS ON PROPRIETY OF SHIPMENT OF FUEL
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ELEMENTS. HE SAYS THAT "NO DOUBT" DR. KISSINGER "STOUTLY

DEFENDED" US OBLIGATIONS TO CONTINUE TO SHIP FUEL TO INDIA BUT IT WAS UNKNOWN WHETHER US ADMINISTRATION HAD ADEQUATELY EXPLAINED THAT THERE WAS NO JUSTIFICATION FOR MISCONCEPTION ABOUT POSSIBLE MISUSE OF TARAPUR REACTORS IN TERMS OF THEIR TECHNOLOGICAL LIMITATIONS AS WELL AS EXISTING COMPREHENSIVE SAFEGUARDS.

3. COMMENT: REDDY'S INFO ALMOST CERTAINLY COMES FROM SOURCES IN NEW DELHI AND HIS STORY, APPEARING PARALLEL TO THAT IN REFTTEL, APPEARS TO UNDERLINE FACT THAT GOVT DECISION HAS BEEN MADE TO GO PUBLIC IN INDIA ON THIS ISSUE.
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